

RIDEAU NOTES

Over 100 Rideau students, together with the cheerleaders and 20 students from the visiting TISS senior girls' basketball team, cheered wheelchair athlete Rick Hansen into Elgin. Student Council President, Pam McCullough, presented Mr. Hansen with a cheque for \$300. raised by the students and staff at the school. Rick signed a get well card for student council social convener, Troy Halladay, who is recovering in hospital from injuries received in a car accident. We wish Troy, and student James Gard, who was also hurt, speedy recoveries.

Seniors Chris Lemcke and Barb Klein-Gunnewiek, and juniors, Darryl Reed and Cheryl Angenent, came away with prize turkeys after the Thanksgiving Basketball "Turkey" Shoot. This intramural competition was made possible by the kind generosity of Fresh Mart in Delta, the Portland Grocery in Portland, McCreary and Sons in Westport.

"They played well, and they deserve to be champions," said soccer coach and Rideau biology teacher, Bob Chittick proudly. He was talking about Rideau's Junior Girls' soccer team, who won the LGSSA (Leeds and Grenville Secondary School Athletic Association) Championship. The team is made up of Rachel Arcand, Sonia Bentley, Lori Burt, Kathleen Carroll, Sheri Cowan, Geraldine Gray, Tricia Hickey, Leigh Kenney, Karen Laming, Sissy Laming, Lisa MacDougall, Mary Skoryna, Sandra Veley, Tanya Watson, Kelly Wing, Jill Woods and Manager Darin Tedford.

There was a meeting of the RDHS Committee Executive last Thursday. Mrs. Sagriff reported on her attendance at the County School Committee meeting, held recently in Brockville, at which Director of Education, Wayne Tompkins, outlined the structure of the Board. The Rideau Committee is planning a parents and students information night in late February on a theme of the stresses and problems of early adolescents, including matters relating to drugs and alcohol.

Tuesday, Remembrance Day, was marked in the school by a message from Vice-Principal, Tony Darby. In his talk with the students he listed names from the monuments in each community. "I wanted to make the numbers mean something for our students," explained Darby. "Over 100,000 left home never to return. To help the students understand this I mentioned the names of local men, who made the supreme sacrifice for all our sakes. Each community has its heroes." The plaintive notes of the Last Post, and Arouse, echoed through the corridors of the school, played by

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Minister, Hon. Monte Kwinter
Premier, Hon. David Peterson

Grade 11 trumpeter, Gary Bracken.

It's playoff time again in girls' basketball. The Rideau senior girls' team, who lost only one game during regular season play, begin their playoffs Thursday at home against Gananoque. The junior girls' team play Athens, in Athens. Last year the Seniors won the LGSSA Championship in a thrilling final against Athens.

46 English students accompanied by Department Head Elaine Laxton went to the Brockville Civic Auditorium to see a matinee performance of MacBeth. The production was staged by the Young Stratford players and received mixed reviews from the students.

The Rideau band and choir, some 69 students, enjoyed The Immigrants' Song at the school. Performed by the Tapestry Music Theatre in Toronto, The Immigrants' Song tells the fascinating story of Canada's early history, through music, song and stories of the past. Earlier in October the Rideau Choir attended a workshop at Queen's University, Kingston, given by Brian Jackson, conductor of the Kingston Symphony, and director of the Pro Arte Singers and the Kingston Choral Society. Music

teacher, Ann Landon was pleased with the workshop emphasis on team work, on listening carefully to the other voices when you are singing yourself.

Staff members Rob Stephenson and Myron Porter attended an all-day basketball Coaches Clinic at Ottawa University.

Jack Donahue, who is prominent in basketball circles and the coach of the Canada's National Men's Basketball Team was there.

It's a busy time of year for field trips at Rideau. Grade 9 history students visited the War Museum and the question period in the House of Commons in Ottawa. History teacher, Rob Stephenson, who supervised the students felt the students were impressed with the speeches and questions from all three party leaders.

"Leadership is an important element in the overall growth of young people," stated English Teacher, Jennifer Palmer, upon her return with seniors Jill Wood and Chris Lemcke, from an intramurals workshop at York University. Palmer, who runs the intramural program at RDHS with Phys. Ed. teacher, Went Sharp, added "The intramural program at Rideau provides many opportunities for

students to take on a leadership role."

Student leadership was again prominent at a Recognition Assembly held in the gym. The senior girls' soccer team, and the junior girls' and junior boys' soccer teams, were presented to the school, and recognized for their participation and achievement this season.

Jill Wood and Chris Lemcke, together with Pam McCullough, and seniors Vicky Tinkess, Jennifer Carbino and John Cooper reported to the assembly on the leadership camps they had attended this summer. Vicky Tinkess attended a 10 day course at the Ontario Student Leadership Centre in Longford Mills.

The Rideau fund raising drive ended Tuesday. For two weeks students have been taking orders from The Quality Gift Shop catalogue. The funds raised will help pay for athletic tournament fees and transportation, school dances, and other student council projects. The public support for our major fund raising project this year is much appreciated.

